



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: ZUCKER-FRANKLIN=1A

In re Application of:)	Art Unit: 1655
ZUCKER-FRANKLIN, et al.)	Examiner: C. WILDER
Serial No.: 09/543,762)	Confirmation No. 8307
Filed: April 6, 2000)	Washington D.C.
For: ASSAYS FOR HUMAN T-CELL)	July 5, 2002
LYMPHOTROPHIC VIRUS)	
TYPES I AND II)	

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of
January 18, 2002, for which a three month extension of
time to respond is hereby requested, please enter the
following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 11 as follows:

11. (Amended) A method for screening healthy
blood donors or potential blood donors for carriers of
diseases or conditions related to at least one of HTLV-I
and HTLV-II infections comprising:

testing a sample from a donor or a potential
donors for the presence of a DNA which encodes the HTLV-I
tax protein or the HTLV-II tax protein;